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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Michael L. Levy today announced the filing of an Indictment¹ against Michael Walker, an employee of the United States Mint in Philadelphia (the "Mint"), charging him with mail, wire and honest services fraud, conflict of interest violations, and making false statements to the federal government.

The indictment alleges that from about 1998 until about March 2006, Walker devised a scheme to defraud the Mint of his honest services as an inventory management specialist in the Supply Department. According to the Indictment, Walker caused the Mint to buy hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of supplies from a Bucks County company called KLH Entrprises, LLC, for which Walker worked on the side and from whose president gave Walker cash and other gifts. The Indictment alleges that Walker used two methods to direct the Mint to buy supplies from KLH. One was through a government-issued credit card with which Walker allegedly made more than \$555,000 in direct purchases from KLH between January 2003 and March 2006. The other was through a requisition process, where Walker allegedly asked the Mint's Procurement Department to buy more than \$200,000 worth of additional supplies from KLH and a corporate predecessor between 2000 and 2006.

According to the Indictment, Walker submitted at least thirteen requisitions that contained false representations that the Mint had a Blanket Purchase Agreement with KLH for the purchase of office supplies. These requisitions allegedly led to the Mint paying KLH nearly \$65,000 between October 2004 and October 2005. The indictment alleges further that it was a criminal conflict of interest for Walker to play any role in the awarding of Mint business to KLH when he had an employment relationship with KLH. And, that Walker tried to cover up his employment with KLH and the gifts he received from KLH's president by failing to report those relationships on his annual reporting forms and by lying to investigators.

¹An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Michael Walker	Upper Darby, Pennsylvania	49

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 245 years imprisonment, a \$4,750,000 fine, 3 years supervised release and a \$1,900 statutory assessment.

The case was investigated by the Office of the Inspector General for the Department of the Treasury and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark B. Dubnoff.

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